REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action dated December 13, 2007, the Assignee respectfully requests continued examination and reconsideration based on the above amendments and on the following remarks.

Claims 1-43 are pending in this application.

Telephone Interview

Examiner Nguyen is thanked for the telephone interview of February 27, 2008. Scott Zimmerman explained the distinguishing features of the independent claims. Examiner Nguyen said he would more thoroughly consider the claims when this response was formally submitted. No agreement was reached.

Rejection of Claims under § 101

The Office rejected claims 33-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for claiming non-statutory subject matter. The preamble of independent claim 33, however, has been amended to "*computer-readable memory storing processor executable instructions for performing a method that controls computer access to Internet content.*" The Assignee thus respectfully asserts that claims 33-43 claim statutory subject matter.

Rejection of Claims over *Heard & Balogh*

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 11-13, 15-19, 22-24, 26-30, 33-35, and 37-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2006/0242685 to Heard, *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent 7,047,258 to Balogh, *et al.*

These claims, however, are not obvious over *Heard* and *Balogh*. These claims recite, or incorporate, many features that are not disclosed or suggested by the proposed combination of *Heard* and *Balogh*. Independent claim 1, for example, recites "*the at least one computer access settings comprising a listing of prohibited computer applications to which access is denied.*" Support for such features may be found at least in the as-filed application at paragraphs [0049], [0050], [0054] and [0055]. Independent claim 1 also recites "*monitoring a request to launch a computer application that would locally run on a computer operating system.*" Support for such features may be found at least in the as-filed application at paragraphs [0054] and [0055]. Independent claim 1 also recites "*when the requested computer application is not found in the second version of the computer access settings, then the control unit terminates the launch of the requested computer application, as the user is not authorized to access the requested computer application.*" Support for such features may be found at least in the as-filed application at paragraph [0061]. Independent claim 1 is reproduced below, and independent claims 11, 22, and 33 recite similar features.

1.   A system for automatically updating computer access settings, comprising:

at least one computer access setting for a respective user of a computer, the at least one computer access setting comprising a listing of prohibited computer applications to which access is denied, one version of the at least one computer access setting being stored in a remote database and another version of the at least one computer access setting being stored in the computer;

a server to communicate with the remote database; and

a control unit to communicate with the server and to automatically update the versions of the at least one computer access settings in the computer and the remote database that is accessible to the server to coincide with each other responsive to at least one computer event, wherein the at least one control access setting being stored in the remote database is updated to reflect changes made to the at least one control access setting being stored in the computer and vice versa, the control unit monitoring a request to launch a computer application that would locally run on a computer operating system, the control unit querying the another version of the computer access settings for the requested computer application, and when the requested computer application is not found in the second version of the computer access settings, then the control unit

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terminates the launch of the requested computer application, as the user is not authorized
to access the requested computer application.

The proposed combination of *Heard* and *Balogh* does not obviate all these features.
Heard discloses policy packages that are automatically "pushed" to mobile devices. *See* U.S.
Patent Application Publication 2006/0242685 to Heard, *et al.* at paragraphs [0027] through
[0031]. *Balogh* discusses validation of local and remote databases. *See* U.S. Patent 7,047,258 to
Balogh, *et al.* at column 2, lines 10-13. Still, *Heard* and *Balogh* fail to teach or suggest *"the at
least one computer access settings comprising a listing of prohibited computer applications to
which access is denied."* The proposed combination of *Heard* and *Balogh* also fails to teach or
suggest *"monitoring a request to launch a computer application that would locally run on a
computer operating system."* The proposed combination of *Heard* and *Balogh* also fails to teach
or suggest *"when the requested computer application is not found in the second version of the
computer access settings, then the control unit terminates the launch of the requested computer
application, as the user is not authorized to access the requested computer application."* The
proposed combination of *Heard* and *Balogh*, then, cannot obviate independent claims 1, 11, 22,
and 33.

Independent claim 33 recites even more distinguishing features. Independent claim 33,
for example, recites *"querying a remotely located server for a current time," "preventing
manipulation of a local clock setting by preferring the current time obtained from the remote
server,"* and *"comparing the current time to the time restrictions."* Support for all these features
may be found at least in U.S. Application 10/740,746 at paragraph [00106], which is
incorporated by reference by paragraph [0002]. The proposed combination of *Heard* and *Balogh*
also fails to teach or suggest these features.

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 11-13, 15-19, 22-24, 26-30, 33-35, and 37-41, then, cannot be obvious
over *Heard* and *Balogh*. Independent claims 1, 11, 22, and 33 recite many features that are not
taught or suggested by the proposed combination of *Heard* and *Balogh*. The dependent claims
incorporate these same features and recite additional features. One of ordinary skill in the art,

then, would not think that claims 1-2, 4-8, 11-13, 15-19, 22-24, 26-30, 33-35, and 37-41 are obvious over *Heard* and *Balogh*. The Assignee thus respectfully requests removal of the § 103 (a) rejection of these claims.

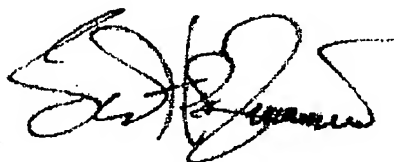### Rejection of Claims over *Heard, Balogh & Dunn*

Claims 3, 9-10, 14, 20-21, 25, 31-32, 36, and 42-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious over *Heard* in view of *Balogh* and further in view of 7,076,558 to Dunn. These claims, however, cannot be obvious over *Heard, Balogh,* and *Dunn*. These claims depend, respectively from independent claim 1, 11, 22, and 33. These claims, then, incorporate the same distinguishing features and recite additional features. As the above paragraphs already explained, *Heard* and *Balogh* both fail to teach or suggest all the features of independent claims 1, 11, 22, and 33.

Dunn does not cure these deficiencies. The Office alleges that *Dunn* teaches computer events, such as logging out and a connection to the Internet. The Office even cites to *Dunn* at column 37, lines 4-11, but the Assignee finds no such teaching. Regardless, the combined teaching of *Heard, Balogh,* and *Dunn* still fails to teach or suggest all the features of independent claim 1, 11, 22, and 33. Claims 3, 9-10, 14, 20-21, 25, 31-32, 36, and 42-43, then, are not obvious over *Heard, Balogh,* and *Dunn*, so the Office is respectfully requested to remove the § 103 (a) rejection of these claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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